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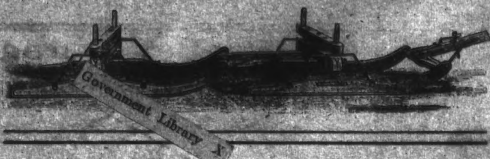
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Flexibility Strength Correct Design

Petrolia Sleds Combine all three of these, and they are, consequently, the lightest running sled on the market.

We have different sizes in either cast or steel shoe.

THE PRICES ARE REASONABLE

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ESTABLISHED 1864

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DEPOSITS RECEIVED—Record your business transactions through this office and receive the benefits and protection a Bank Account affords.

SAVINGS BANK—Deposit your cash surplus in interest bearing account. Cash reserve in the best asset.

MONEY TRANSFERS made at reasonable rates.

ADVANCES made to assist and encourage legitimate business.

Lacombe Branch—W. A. SHIELDS, Mgr.

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Fire! Fire! Is it Your Place?



What about an Insurance Policy?

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SOMETHING IN OUR STORE FOR EVERY STOCKING

Make your selections now while the assortment is complete.

CHRISTMAS CARDS—Help extend Christmas cheer by sending cards. From 3 for 5c. to 50c. each.

FOUNTAIN PENS—If it be a good one it is a perpetual convenience. We guarantee all our Fountain Pens. From \$2.50 up.

BOOKS—Books make excellent gifts for young and old. Our stock includes the latest editions of all the favorite authors, besides a large variety of juvenile and special gift books.

CAMERAS—You cannot go amiss if you give a Camera. Eastman Kodaks and Brownie Cameras from \$1.00 up.

TALKING MACHINES—If you wish to extend Christmas cheer throughout the year, give a Victor Victrola of Edison Phonograph; from \$20.00 up.

TOILET ARTICLES—Dressing Cases in Parisian Ivory and Ebony; Manicure Sets, Ladies' Hair Brushes, Gentlemen's Military Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Safety Razors, etc.

LEATHER GOODS—Gifts for ladies or gentlemen—Pocket Books, Purses, Card Cases, Bill Books, Hand Bags, Travelling Cases, etc.

SMOKERS' SUPPLIES—Pipes, Pouches, Cigar Cases, Cigarette Cases, Smoking Sets, Cigars in Xmas packages.

CHOICE CANDIES—You will want confectionery and it is fitting that you should have the best. Neilson's and Moir's in fancy packages and in bulk.

DOLLS—Santa Claus told us that on Saturday nearly every girl asked for a doll. We have a large assortment at exceptionally low prices.

GAMES AND TOYS—We have all the new ones, including Mechanical and Friction Toys.

BRASS GOODS—JEWEL BOXES, PHOTO FRAMES, CALENDARS, BURNING LEATHER GOODS, CHRISTMAS BELLS AND DECORATIONS OF ALL KINDS, CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS, CHRISTMAS CRACKERS, ETC.

Pay cash and get a coupon with every purchase. Five Dollar's worth of coupons entitle you to Fifty Cents worth of merchandise.

The McDermid Drug Co., Ltd.
D. A. Lothian, Manager

Special Clearing Prices on all Remaining Women's and Misses' Coats

MISSSES' AND LADIES' FURS

Ideal Xmas Gifts at Bargain Prices

Ladies' Black Plush set, Long Stole and Large Pillow Muff, made of good heavy pile Silk Plush, nicely lined; great value at, per set.....**\$5.00**

Separate Muffs—One very good value comes in Imitation Blue Wolf, a fashionable long hair fur in a good color and well marked; large size; price only.....**\$6.00**

Sealette sets in Black, a wide range of prices.

Fancy Tea Aprons, 75c. to \$1.00

Suitable for Presents

Quaint Aprons for Ladies, new designs and styles in embroidery and lace effects, on Lawn, Organdie, Muslin or Nainsook.

One very pretty style is of White Voile with heavy cord, stripe, trimmed with edging and insertion, in fine French Val Lace. Price only.....**75c.**

Another of Fine White Crepe Merle, trimmed with Guipure Lace and Embroidery, in Shamrock design. Price.....**85c.**

MILLINERY SALE

All Trimmed Hats Clearing at \$1.50

'XMAS GROCERIES

Our Grocery Department is now well stocked with all the good things to eat at Christmas time. Our prices are consistent with the high grade quality of our goods. Nuts, 5 or 6 different kinds. Lovely B.C. apples include the famous Mackintosh Red and Ontario Spica. Oranges, Grapes, Figs, Prunes, Raisins, Almonds. Excellent Confectionery Peels, Bananas, etc. Be pleased to purchase from a sanitary and beautifully kept stock.

GREAT REDUCTIONS

Regular \$15.00 to \$16.50 Cloth Coats,
To Clear \$8.90

Not even the cost of making these Coats is represented by this Bargain Price.

They are all made in this season's styles and represent the most favored fashions.

Perfectly cut models, all man tailored from the choicest materials, in lovely colors.



A regular \$16.50 Misses' Coat is made in the new Cape effect. The material is a very good quality all wool Coating; in a pretty two-tone effect, in Brown and Blue; cut in the season's latest lines; good length and full Cape; perfectly finished throughout and trimmed with bone buttons. A Coat that any young lady would be proud to own. Bargain Price.....**\$8.90**

Another Coat is regularly priced at \$15.00, made up in an elegant style by the Northway Co., of Bright Red Blanket Coating. A very pretty and good warm Coat for winter wear. It is bound with the now very fashionable Military Black Silk Braid; Gauntlet Cuffs and Pockets trimmed with the same; Red Bone Buttons. Bargain Price.....**\$8.90**

Reg. \$3.50 to \$5.00 Tweed Skirts **\$1.90**

1.90

Tweed Skirts for Ladies, in regulation lengths; good styles; sizes 22 to 28 waists; materials are all good Tweeds, in nice medium and dark mixed colors.

1.90

TOY DEPARTMENT

UP-STAIRS

Visit the Big Toy Department. This is the best week to bring the Children in to see the Monster Xmas Tree and Santa Claus Castle. We have a complete stock of new Toys and Dolls. Prices on different tables—10c., 15c., 25c., and 35c.

Damask for Table Cloths

Correct lengths at Special Prices—In 2½ or 2½ yard lengths, and 68 to 82 inches wide; lovely quality White Damask; a very acceptable Xmas gift; in good designs; all Irish manufacture. Specially priced.....**\$1.50**

Fancy Towels

White heavy thick quality Turkish Towels, in an extra large size, with fancy colored border, in Sky and Nile, or Nile and mauve; quite a new idea. Price, per pair.....**\$1.75**

COUPONS

Get a Coupon with every Dollar Cash purchase at regular prices; good in the Toy Department; it is a direct saving of money.

Winter Hoods and Aviation Caps Special Reductions

Boys' Toggles, in Brown, Navy, White and Red, loose, heavy knit; good size. Price.....**50c.**

Misses' and Girls' Hoods, fine warm quality. Special.....

Ladies' Hoods for cold weather.....**\$1.00 and \$1.25**

F. E. McLEOD,

"The Store of Better Values"

LACOMBE

Wawanesa Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

FARMERS!

The question of Insurance is very important to you. This is a Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company; no stockholders; no dividends to pay. Every policy holder is a member and every member shares the profits. The policy of the company is fair treatment, prompt service, and liberal and quick settlement of all claims. We insure against fire, lightning, and hail and windstorms. Owned and operated by the Farmers of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

No. of farmers insured, over 26,000
Insurance in force, over \$400,000
Assets over \$700,000

Insurance accepted on assessment plan or by cash. Farm property only accepted by this company.

THE WAWANESA MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
Head Office, Wawanesa, Minn.

See any of our agents, who will give full information.

The Jesse Fraser Agency, Lacombe.

James McNeil, Blackfalds.

James P. McPherson, Bentley.

D. Clausen, Ecclellville.

C. E. Munro & Co., Ponoka.

G. C. Wilson, Clive.

(N4-1c)

REPORT SAYS RENNE-
KAMP IS SUPERCEDED.

London, Dec. 4.—The Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent says he hears that the Russian general, Rennenkampf, has been superseded because he was two days late in taking up a position through which the German armies in Poland were to have been hemmed in. The failure, the correspondent says, robbed Grand Duke Nicholas' strategic scheme of its full success a week ago, entailed a week of heavy fighting and resulted in the hurrying up of large German reinforcements.

"The arrival of Emperor Nicholas at the front," the correspondent continues, "will be the occasion for the declaration of the good news of the completion of the Grand Duke's strategic plans."

"The German attack with new forces from the west frontier on the Russian left was repulsed after heavy day-long fighting Monday. The Russian successes on the right wing are not yet marked, but the strategic position on both flanks is admitted."

CAPTURE IS REPORTED OF
REBEL LEADER DE WET.

Pretoria, Dec. 4.—General Christian De Wet, leader of the rebellion in the Union of South Africa, has been taken prisoner, according to an official announcement made here. He was captured by Col. Conrad Brits last Tuesday afternoon at a farm near a town 100 miles east of Mafeking.

Christian De Wet rose to fame as commander-in-chief of the Orange Free State forces in the South African war. Starting as a burgher in the Heilbron command, he later was appointed commander at Ladysmith, and was sent to relieve General Cronje as second in command. When General Cronje surrendered, De Wet was made commander-in-chief. He was one of the signatories of the peace conference after the war and later was minister of agriculture in the Orange River colony.

General De Wet at the outbreak of the present war offered a corps of South African scouts by Lord Kitchener. Later he protested against the action of the Union of South Africa in fighting the Germans, and took the field against the British forces. General De Wet has several times been reported as meeting with reverses, and once as having been wounded. One of his sons was killed in the fighting, and two sons are said to have surrendered.

IRONIC COURTESY OF
EMDEN'S COMMANDER

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 4.—Reckless daring and ironic courtesy of Captain Von Muller, of the German cruiser Emden, lately destroyed by an Australian warship after one of the most thrilling careers recorded in the annals of the sea, are illustrated in anecdotes brought home by Captain Phillips, of the Standard Oil tanker, Wabasha, which narrowly missed capture by the Emden in the Straits of Malacca. The Wabasha flies the British flag.

When seeking prizes the Emden would ask in English: "Have you seen the German cruiser Emden?"

"No," would come the answer, disclosing the proximity of a merchantman.

"Thank you," would be Von Muller's reply. "We'll be along side directly. Prepare for the worst."

While Captain Phillips was at Calcutta the tale was told on the quays of how Von Muller had nearly succeeded in beguiling the commandant there into furnishing him with supplies.

"This is the British cruiser Hampshire," came a code mes-

sage from the mouth of Hooft
river. "Send us coal and provisions."

A barge was actually loaded and despatched, Captain Phillips says he heard that the Russian general, Rennenkampf, has been superseded because he was two days late in taking up a position through which the German armies in Poland were to have been hemmed in. The failure, the correspondent says, robbed Grand Duke Nicholas' strategic scheme of its full success a week ago, entailed a week of heavy fighting and resulted in the hurrying up of large German reinforcements.

"Thank you for your courtesy," he flashed back when he learned that his ruse had been uncovered. "Hope to meet you later, have the bear ready."

GERMAN ARMY ON BELGIAN
COAST IN DIRE STRAITS.

London, Dec. 4.—The German army on the Belgian seacoast is feeling very acutely the terrible effects of winter weather, disease and shortage of food. The fine force with which the Kaiser hopes to break through to Calais is bitterly disheartened by the serious disasters it has met. Practically no winter quarters have been provided for the troops, who now are exposed to the rigors of the West Flanders winter, and their fighting effectiveness is reduced to zero.

The flooding of Flanders by the Belgians, while it checked the German advance, also had a disastrous effect on the health of the German troops. Pneumonia, rheumatism, and typhus fever have taken hold on the beleaguered army.

The death roll in Flanders has been very heavy, but perhaps the German soldiers' worst and most ghastly fate is the lack of food. Supplies of all kinds have run short, and it has been impossible adequately to feed the armies now holding the line in front of the allies.

The German staff now seems to be between two conflicting resolves. They cannot make up their mind whether to dig away a fresh army in another attempt to reach the coveted goal or cut their terrible losses and retreat from Belgium, which has been a grave of so many of the Kaiser's bravest legions.

HUNGARIANS SPREAD PANIC
IN VIENNA.

Rome, Dec. 4.—The Russian embassy in a communication from Russia, is about to publish lists of the German prisoners who are vastly more numerous than the Russian prisoners.

Regarding the alleged Austrian victories in Sngari, the truth is that the Russians occupy the passes of the Carpathians, and the Cossack detachments constantly make incursions into Hungary, although not occupying the territory, yet spreading disorder and panic in their raids.

The Tribune's correspondents at both Vienna and Budapest confirm the daily arrival of masses of fugitives from Galicia and Hungary, causing panic. Viennese journals express discontent over the intolerable immigration.

BANK MANAGER IN LEDUC,
ALTA., IS DISMISSED.

Unity, Sask., Dec. 4.—A sensation caused here by the dismissal of Norman Clark, manager of the Merchants' Bank in Leduc, Alta. He was manager of a branch here for five years before going to Leduc.

The account of Clark, both here and at Leduc, have been given over, and in the meanwhile six other officials of the bank have been suspended. Serious shortages are reported in some cases, and the method of covering them up is said to have been by holding notes of farmers who had cancelled their indebtedness. Speculation in real estate is reported as the cause of the trouble.

Manager Clark will be remembered by many Lacombe citizens, that gentleman having been accountant at the local branch for some time.

DEATH OF CZAR AND FALL
OF PARIS ARE DESCRIBED.

France, Dec. 4.—Forty-two prisoners of the Germans have just been brought to a town in France, and one of them, a man of about 45, who spent many years in London and up to about two weeks ago had been one of the guards of a concentration camp for British, French, Belgian and Russian prisoners, told about a bi-weekly bulletin which is issued to the prisoners at the price of one cent, the proceeds being supposed to go to the German Red Cross fund. This is printed in four languages and has recorded the fall and destruction of Paris, the attack by Zeppelins in London, as well as the sudden death of the Czar of Russia on hearing of a great victory in Poland weeks ago. After the first issues, the circulation dropped to zero.

One of the cartoons in this journal depicts King George in company with the King of the Belgians sitting on a bench in what purports to be the cellar beneath Buckingham Palace, looking appreciatively up into the face of a huge Prussian guardman, who, with his sword drawn, is directing a terror-stricken servant in knee breeches and white stockings to place a large bowl labelled "grud" on the floor beside the unfortunate monarchs. A map of Europe hangs on the wall and "The Real Germany and Ireland" are sprawled across the British Isles.

Another cartoon depicts the Crown Prince riding out of the gateway in Whitehall, the mounted sentries on either side being German imperial guards, while in the background is seen a body of men supposed to be British. Life guards, being fitted out with German uniforms and knocked into shape by a German drill instructor.

This same prisoner told me that up to a short time ago, he, with the majority of German soldiers, had believed the things were true, but owing to the arrival of a picture in some recent English paper, a small seed of doubt was sown among the Kaiser's men which had developed into a hardy plant, the roots of which are spreading like a disease among the troops.

Disension is rife in many parts of the front, it is said. Many men are being shot by their officers for disobedience, and only one day last week a whole regiment mutinied, threw down their arms and threatened to surrender to the allied forces unless they were taken care to the staff headquarters and their attendants. It is a very significant fact that virtually all their demands were at once allowed. The man who told this story belonged to the regiment in question.

OIL IS A MINERAL, IS DECISION
OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Oil is a mineral—not a vegetable compound, or vegetable extract, or vegetable by-product, but a mineral, distinct as ore or gold. The law has been given. The bone of contention that has gladdened Calgary anticlimax circles since the Discovery well spouted up its oil, and its bases for argument, disappeared. Mr. Justice Hyndman, of the Calgary Supreme Court, has spoken. Without any ostentatious and eloquent explanatory preamble, which might be justified by such an auspicious pronouncement, he set forth that oil is a mineral, in giving judgment in the case in which the Alberta Drilling Company sued the Dome Oil Company for breach of contract. The Dome noted a big part of its argument upon a denial that oil was a mineral. If it was not, why the plaintiffs, willy-nilly, would have no case, and therefore their suit would automatically expire.

Seeing that their science was altogether wrong, the Dome was called upon to pay \$5,000 due to the Alberta Drilling Company, and \$250 damages. They have already paid the drilling company \$5,000, and all they have to show for an expenditure of over \$10,000 is a fifty-foot hole.

It took Mr. Justice Hyndman precisely one sentence to set the Dome company right on its legal ground. "I find, however, that under the authorities, oil is a mineral. The defendants' plea that oil is not a mineral, and that therefore the plaintiff company is not properly incorporated, is thus disposed of."

The circumstances of the case were a trifle involved. According to the judgment, the Dome Oil Company entered into a contract with the Alberta Drilling Company to drill two wells on defendants' holdings to a depth of 2,500 feet, at \$8.50 per foot. For any additional feet, if requested, the charge was to be \$10 per foot. The Dome Company was to provide derrick, standard rig, and rig iron, etc.

Fifty thousand dollars was to be paid upon execution of agreement, and \$5,000 when the work was started. The first \$5,000 was paid, and the

drilling company commenced operations. When they had reached a depth of fifty feet the defendant company seized the whole equipment without notice and took the work out of their hands, giving various reasons. Mr. Justice Hyndman held they had not shown they had sufficient ground for this summarily relieving the drillers, and gave judgment in their favor. He allowed \$250 for damages and costs.

Salvia Hair Tonic
Makes Hair Grow

That dandruff is caused by germs is accepted by every sensible person. Dandruff is the root of all hair evil. SALVIA will kill the dandruff germs and remove dandruff in ten days, or money back. It will stop itching scalp, falling hair, and make the hair thick and abundant. It prevents hair from turning gray, adds life and lustre.

SALVIA is a hair dressing that has become the favorite with women of taste and culture. It is sold by druggists, and is sold at The City Pharmacy.

FOR SALE
WOOD—I have some first-class wood for sale, at war prices, and you get full measure. Long wood, \$2.00 per cord, stove wood, \$1.35 a rick—Apply G. W. Shafer, Glass street. (D2-4c)

JOHN KIMILA'S
PUBLIC SALE

Two Miles North of Gilby, on Friday, Dec. 18

Commencing at 12:30 sharp, I will sell by auction, without reserve, the following described five stock and farm implements: 1 Black Stallion 6 years old, weight 1,800 lbs.

1 Black Stallion, 7 years old, weight 1,800 lbs.

1 Head of Good Milch Cows.

1 Yearling Bull.

3 Brood Sows and 6 Shoats.

1 Horse & Wood Grain Drill.

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NOTICE

The Town of Lacombe will offer for sale by public auction, at the Town Hall, Lacombe, Alberta, on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the following lots, which have been forfeited to the Town by Tax Enforcement proceedings under the provisions of the Town Act. The Town will sell the lots for a cash payment sufficient to pay all taxes and costs due on the lots, the balance in six months with interest at 7 per cent. per annum.

Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 38, 39, 40, 41, 48, 49, in Block A, Plan 3540U, upset price \$25.00 each.

Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19, Block B, Plan 3540U, upset price \$25.00 each.

Lots 9 and 10, Block 4, Plan 7358U, upset price \$20.00 each.

Lots 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Block 5, Plan 7358U, upset price \$20.00 each.

Lots 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, Block 1, Plan 1418S, upset price \$20.00 each.

Lots 25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 35, Block 2, Plan 1418S, upset price \$20.00 each.

Lots 3 and 4, Block 9, Plan 1B, upset price \$50.00 each.

Lots 9, 15 and 17, Block 13, Plan 1A, upset price \$50.00 each.

Lots 6, Block 21, Plan 13, upset price \$50.00.

Lots 31 and 32, Block 20, Plan 781AF, upset price \$20.00 each.

Lots 7, Block 28, Plan 1E, upset price \$35.00 each.

Lots 9 and 11, Block 9, Plan 4880K, upset price \$35.00 each.

Lots 8 and 9, Block 5, Plan 4880K, upset price \$40.00 each.

Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Block 31, Plan 15U, upset price \$20.00 each.

Lots 9 and 10, Block 33, Plan 15U, upset price \$20.00 each.

Lots 9 and 10, Block 35, Plan 15U, upset price \$20.00 each.

Lots 15 and 16, Block 36, Plan 15U, upset price \$20.00 each.

Lots 5, 11, 12, 15, 16, Block 37, Plan 13U, upset price \$20.00 each.

Lots 5 and 6, Block 38, Plan 15U, upset price \$20.00 each.

Lots 19, 20, 21, 22, Block 18, Plan 4500R, upset price \$35.00 each.

Lots 57, 58, 59, 60, Block 18, Plan 4500R, upset price \$35.00 each.

Lots 39 and 38, Block 19, Plan 4500R, upset price \$40.00 each.

Lots 53 and 54, Block 19, Plan 4500R, upset price \$40.00 each.

Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, Block 2, Plan 3540U, upset price \$25.00 each.

Lots 19 and 20, Block 4, Plan 15U, upset price \$20.00 each.

The south 8 feet of Lot 51, Block 18, Plan 4500R, upset price \$12.00.

Lot 15, in Block 4, Plan 1G, upset price \$40.00.

E. J. TETT,
Sec.-Treas., of Town of Lacombe. (D2-5c)

JUDICIAL SALE OF FARM
PROPERTY

Pursuant to Judgment and Final Order for Sale, there will be offered for sale, with the approval of a Judge, by O. L. Webster, Auctioneer, at the office of the Ponoka Land Co., in the Town of Ponoka, at 2 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, the 12th day of December, A.D. 1914.

The N.E. 1/4 Sec. 19, Tp. 41, Rg. 24, W. 4th M. in the Province of Alberta, containing 100 acres more or less.

The Plaintiff is informed of the following particulars: About 140 acres are upland, 130 of them having been cultivated, the remaining 20 acres being low lying, of which 15 are suitable as hay land. There is neither brush nor timber on the land. There is nice fencing to the east of 400 rods, and a creek with good water supply, Clive, with railway station, creamery and market, is 1 1/2 miles distant, while school and church are 1 1/2 and 2 miles distant respectively.

The property will be offered for sale subject to a reserved bid. The purchaser is to pay down a deposit of 10 per cent. of the purchase money to the vendor or solicitor at the time of sale; the remainder as follows: Either (a) the whole of said remainder into Court within 60 days without interest; or (b) \$400 thereof by mortgage for five years at 8 per cent., payable \$25 yearly for five years, \$500 at the end of the fifth year, the balance of the said remainder to be paid into Court within 60 days from the date of sale without interest. In all other respects the terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of the Supreme Court of Alberta.

Further particulars can be had from McDonald & Tighe, Edmonton, solicitors for the vendor.

F. S. SIMPSON,
406 St. James, C.D.W.
Dated at Red Deer this 9th day of November, 1914.

Wanted to purchase, a few Registered Blue Jersey Sows and Gilts.—O. B. Moore, Lacombe.

EVERYTHING FOR THE FARMERS

Old Dominion and Chatham Wagons and Democarts—Gasoline Engines and Grinders—P. O. Gangs and Sulkys and Walking Plows—Motor Hay Presses—Top and Open Buggies—1 second-hand tractor and separator, in first-class running order.

A. J. LESLIE, LACOMBE, ALTA.

C. C. CURTIS

Dealer in
WOOD, COAL, ICE,
DRAYING A SPECIALTY.
Agent for Cardiff Coal.
Prompt Delivery our Specialty.
Phone 76.

The Bentley Garage

P. E. THORP, Proprietor.
Repairs on all makes of autos promptly and carefully attended to.

AUTO LIVERY

Vulcanizing

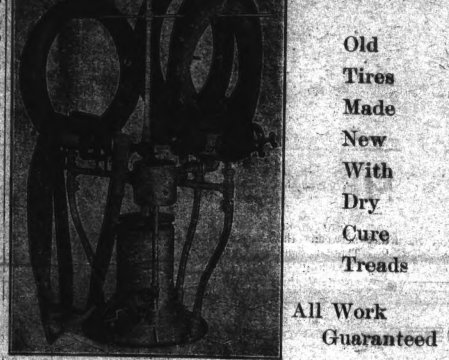
Having just installed a vulcanizing plant, I am making a specialty of repairing tires—outer casing or inner tubes. Get my estimate on your work.

P. E. THORP, BENTLEY

Automobile Tires Repaired

and

Vulcanized



Old Tires Made New With Dry Cure Treads

All Work Guaranteed

Danner Tire & Equipment Co.

LACOMBE - ALBERTA

I am taking over the Arcade Stables at present run by Thos. Dagg. If you want your horses well fed and cared for, give me a trial. I will use nothing but first-class hay.

JAS. TOCHER.

Agent for John Deere Machinery

John Fortune

CITY LIVERY AND FEED STABLE

Careful Attention given to Commercial Trade
First Class Rigs and Good Drivers

Draying on Short Notice

LACOMBE - ALBERTA

CREAM WANTED

I need your Cream, so send it along: you get your cheque once a week. I Pay Cash For Dairy Butter and Eggs. Dairy butter must be put up in tubs or in large rolls.

The Lacombe Creamery

G. A. Anderson, Prop.

A. GILMOUR

Will pay the following prices delivered in his yards at Lacombe this week:

Choice Fat Steers, 1,200 lbs. and up...	5c.
Choice Fat Steers, 1,000 to 1,200 lbs. 4c. to 5c.	
Fat Bulls.....	2c. to 3c.
Fat Oxen.....	2c. to 3c.
Extra Choice Fat Heifers.....	4c. to 5c.
Choice Cows.....	4c.
Medium to good Fat Cows and Heifers.....	3c. to 4c.
Beef Hides.....	8c.

HOGS—Hog prices are so uncertain that we cannot quote a steady price. Those wishing to sell, phone us for prices.

Further information regarding prices can be had by phoning 26 from 7:30 a.m. till 6 p.m. Night-Phone 40.

Lacombe Meat Market

Phone 95 for Honest Service

Get our wholesale prices on Beef, Pork and Lamb. Now is the time that meat will keep, and you save money by buying wholesale.

Phone 95. THOS. THORP, Prop. Box 136

Mrs. Nickerson will receive on Friday next from 3:30 till 5:30.

Denike & Bulger's store will be open evenings till Christmas.

Trunks, Grips and Suit Cases; new shipment just in at Lacombe Furniture Store.

H. A. Mathew, accountant of the local branch, of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, has been removed to Winnipeg.

We have a large stock of ground flax seed at \$3.00 per hundred. Seven pounds for 25c, fifteen pounds for 50c. Nicholson & Switzer.

Doll Carts, Wagons and Sleighs for the little folks, at Lacombe Furniture Store.

Mrs. Hynes lost a pearl sunburst on Saturday between the Day Block and R.S. Theatre, and will reward party returning the same to her or leaving it at this office.

See us for Carvers, Scissors and Pocket Knives, something useful for a Christmas present. Morrison & Johnston, Ltd.

The "five hundred" party given by the Young Ladies' Branch of the Patriotic Society, held in the Day Block on Friday evening last, was a most successful event and added a considerable sum to the funds of the society. Everyone had a good time, and the dainty refreshments provided were greatly enjoyed by all.

Twenty per cent off Dining Tables, 6 and 8 feet, Golden Oak, Fumed, or Early English—Morrison & Johnston, Ltd.

Beef Hides bring you more money at the Lacombe Furniture Store than elsewhere.

Chinaware and Dinner Sets, in the latest pattern, at the Lacombe Furniture Store. See us for good values in these lines.

For Mother, Sister, Daughter, Sweetheart, Friend—

For months we have been preparing to meet your Christmas demands. The following list will give you an idea of our stock:

Wristlet Watches	Brushes
Silverware	Cut Glass
Carving Sets	Bracelets
La Valieres	Chains
Ramekins	Crosses
Diamonds	Earrings
Vanity Boxes	Lockets
Manicure Sets	Pens
Clocks	Bowls
Jewel Boxes	Pitchers
Card Trays	Pendants
Sugar Tongs	Bead Chains
Scissors	Tea Sets
Mirrors	Spoon Trays
Bread Trays	Crumb Trays
Watches	Spoons
Coffee Percolators	Brooches
Turquoise Jewelry—December's Stone.	

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Jewelers - Lacombe

The Women's Institute will hold a reception in Boodle's Hall, on Thursday evening next, Dec. 10, to which everyone is invited. Dancing and other modes of entertainment will be provided.

The first assembly dance of the season will be held in the Comet on Friday evening. The Imperial orchestra has been engaged for the occasion.

There will be a Christmas entertainment in the Central School on Friday, December 18, to which everyone interested is cordially invited.

A set of Ashcroft Sad Irons would be a nice present for your wife; ask to see them—Morrison & Johnston, Ltd.

Dr. Sharpe has moved into his new house on Barnett Ave., the second house west of the fire hall on the south side of the street. He has office and dwelling combined.

Every citizen of the town and country is invited by the Girls' Patriotic League to call in at the Comet Theatre on Saturday afternoon and get properly "soaked." It will be worth your while to find out the inventive genius of Lacombe young ladies when it comes to providing means of spending money.

W. S. Mooney was a Lacombe visitor this week.

The patriotic ball on Nov. 26th was a great success in every way. A large number were in attendance, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the good music of the Imperial orchestra and the excellent supper provided by the ladies. The financial success greatly encouraged those who had the matter in charge, \$112 being realized for the Red Cross Society and \$117.50 for the Belgian relief fund.

Foot Warmers in three styles, at Morrison & Johnston's, Ltd.

You are all interested in your future, and would be glad to know what is to occur in after years. You can find out for a small cash payment by visiting the fortune teller at the Girls' Patriotic Bazaar in the Comet Theatre on Saturday afternoon.

O-Cedar Mops, at Morrison & Johnston's, Ltd.

Bruce Stratton is holding an auction sale of his household goods at his residence on Alberta street. All the furnishings of the house will be sold without reserve, as Mr. Stratton is removing to the east immediately. If you want household goods at your own price, attend this sale Saturday afternoon, December 12th. It starts at 1 o'clock sharp. See hand bills.

Skates from 75c. to \$5.00, at Morrison & Johnston's, Ltd.

Denike & Bulger have many little odd pieces of hand painted China moderately priced at 50c. to \$2.50.

J. H. McLean's big auction sale of Purchured and Registered Holstein Cattle and High Grade Cattle, will be held at his farm, one mile west of Lacombe, on Wednesday next. See posters or send for a catalogue. As Mr. McLean has sold his farm and is leaving for the east, there will be no reserve. S. W. Paisley, auctioneer.

Denike & Bulger's hand burnished, seamless wedding rings are harder and will wear a third longer.

D. Hay left last night for a few weeks' visit to his old home down by the sea.

Chas. West is renewing acquaintances in Lacombe and looking after his business interests on the side. Charles cannot keep away from Lacombe, and we expect to see him take up his permanent residence here. He says in all his travels he never has found a town that suits him better, or has better prospects.

J. DeMott, of North Yakima, Wash., and daughter Ethel, are visiting Mr. DeMott's sister, Mrs. U. E. Reeves, for a short time.

The Presbyterian Church Young People's Guild will hold a ten cent social in their hall on Monday, Nov. 15th, at 8 p.m. All who have games or cards are requested to bring them.

When you want a rick of wood or barrel of soft water, call up L. Steers, and you will get your money's worth. Phone 74. (D9-4p)

The City Pharmacy have been appointed the Thermos Bottle Depot for our district, and can give you the best prices on bottles in all sizes, and lunch kits, which we guarantee to keep coffee or tea hot for over 24 hours, right out in your sleigh or on hunting trips. This is a wonderful and most necessary item in cold weather to young or old. Try one, or send one to a friend for Xmas. It will please.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Hiram Adams on Friday next, at three o'clock. Subject of the meeting will be "How the C.T.U. Can Best Help in the Provincial Prohibition Campaign." All members and friends are most cordially invited to be present.

The Girls' Bazaar to be held in the Comet Theatre on Saturday afternoon next will be the best opportunity yet afforded our citizens to secure useful and pretty Christmas gifts at reasonable prices. Many unusual modes of separating you from your money have been invented by the girls, but it is guaranteed the extravagance will be painless and you will go away feeling that you should have left more money. The proceeds go to the patriotic fund.

Nice tea room at the Girls' Bazaar on Saturday afternoon next in the Comet Theatre and enjoy afternoon tea to the music of the Imperial orchestra. It's for the patriotic fund.

Dr. Mecklenburg, eye specialist, will visit Lacombe on Monday, December 28, and will be pleased to see "all who have eye troubles which other opticians have failed to cure. He is regarded as the most eminent eye specialist in Canada, and gives you the benefit of his wide experience at very moderate cost. (D9-c)

Last Monday evening Mr. S. Nicholson gave an address on "China" to the Epworth League, briefly sketching the history of that old and most interesting nation, and showing reasons why it is not merely a duty to give them our gospel, but a necessity for our own safety and preservation, as China awakens and gets in pace with modern thought and progress.

Exclusive for Lacombe—The H. B. Pipe Co. has granted the City Pharmacy exclusive rights on their well-known brand of Pipes, and their Xmas stock is complete of fine Meersbach Pipes, fine Briar Case Pipes, and we especially invite smokers to inspect our stock. Cigars in tens, at 55c., \$1.25 and \$1.50.

C. E. Roberts has this week taken over the Arlington Hotel, on Glass street, and is having the place thoroughly renovated. The interior has been repapered and painted, and comfortable beds and good bedding provided. Everything possible will be done to ensure the comfort of guests. It is the intention of Mr. Roberts to conduct a first-class hotel, and will pay particular attention to the needs of transients. If you want a good room and a first-class meal, stop at the Arlington. Prices reasonable. (D2-3p)

There is quite an attraction for the kiddies at the New Drug Store. They have a large bottle filled with pills and all the kiddies get a free guess on the number of pills in the bottle, and the nearest correct guess draws the money in their store Xmas evening.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Lacombe Agricultural Society was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday afternoon last, and only a fair attendance of members turned out. Capt. Evans, the painstaking president of the Association, presented a lengthy report on the workings of the Society, and pointed out many places where improvements could be made. The report of the treasurer, N. E. Carruthers, was received. It showed the Association to be in good financial shape, and that the 1914 exhibition had been almost self-sustaining. It is thought that by careful management the future exhibitions will show a surplus. A vote of condolence to Mrs. Watkins was unanimously passed. A motion was passed thanking D. C. Gourlay for his services at the late exhibition.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President—H. J. Angell Evans. 1st Vice-President—Henry Langrock. 2nd Vice-President—P. A. Switzer.

Directors—T. Henderson, S. H. Welch, H. W. Metcalf, J. L. Simpson, E. E. Water Simpson, P. E. McLeod, W. A. Shields, Geo. Huton, (tr.) Dr. Roberts, Fred McFetridge, T. F. Roberts, N. E. Carruthers.

N. E. Carruthers was appointed secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year.

FOUND DEAD.

A farmer named William McLeod, who lived alone on a farm near Chigwell, was found dead by neighbors on Saturday last. Dr. Sharp, coroner, and Corp. Wells, R.N.W.M.P., immediately went out to investigate, and the conclusion was arrived at that death was from natural causes—peritonitis being the doctor's diagnosis. The body was in a very bad

state, the unfortunate man evidently having died some weeks ago. The last time he was seen alive was on the 14th of November, and at that time he complained of feeling ill, and no one had occasion to visit his place since that date. He was about 55 years of age. The Trusts & Guarantee Company are looking after his estate.

NOMINATIONS.

Monday was nomination day for both council and school board. The citizens took a little more interest in the event than usual, with the result that Lacombe's 1915 council is one of the strongest ever elected in the town, all the nominees receiving their seat by acclamation. Following will be next year's council: Mayor, F. E. McLeod; Councilors—N. W. Morrison, A. Gilmour, Chas. Raymond, G. P. Vickers, A. D. Macdonald, C. C. Switzer.

There will be an election for school trustees, four gentlemen having been nominated for the three vacancies on the board. The candidates are Dr. Collier, A. M. Macdonald, Dr. Sharpe and F. V. Parsons. This election will be an exciting event, and will be watched with great interest by our citizens.

SCHOOL BOARD.

Having been nominated for the office of trustee on the Lacombe School Board, I would respectfully solicit the votes and influence of the ratepayers. If elected I will fulfil the duties of the office to the best of my ability, without favor.

F. V. PARSONS.

SHOOTING MATCH.

There will be a shooting match for turkeys at Mornington on Friday, December 18, all day. Hundreds of fine turkeys will be up for competition, and this will be an excellent opportunity for Lacombe gunners to get their Christmas turkeys cheap. R. Smith is conducting the shoot.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND.

Since our last report the collectors in town have been busy, with the result that several hundred dollars have been added to the subscription list. Up to date Lacombe has subscribed over \$1,000 to the fund, and money is still coming in. Following is the list of subscribers for the week:

H. L. Brown	\$ 2.00
W. F. Crahan	2.00
D. M. Reeves	10.00
W. H. Hays	9.00
F. Danron	1.00
W. R. Winslow	1.00
J. B. Harrington	5.00
O. W. Thorne	1.00
W. L. Elliott	2.00
F. V. Parsons	.50
A. D. Watson	1.00
C. Rowe	.50
W. T. Sherman	2.00
L. W. Puffer	2.00
Colley & Hill	2.00
Hop Chung	2.50
Geo. Baker	1.00
Paul Hotson	1.00
J. H. Watt	1.00
Max Frizzell	1.00
Hugh Gunn	25.00
John McNair	25.00
F. E. McLeod Staff	50.00

C. Dawy	2.00
D. L. Garland	2.00
A. D. Macdonald	2.00
Jesse Fraser	2.00
Yon Len	1.50
J. Awad	2.00
E. E. Scott	6.00
W. G. Sage	2.00
W. F. Puffer	5.00
Dr. Hynes	5.00
McMurdin Drug Co. Staff	25.00
A. Home	10.00
A. M. Macdonald	25.00
Merchants' Bank Staff	40.00
S. C. Hartley	7.00
Morrison & Johnston Staff	50.00
G. A. Anderson	2.00
S. Morris	5.00

MASQUERADE BALL.

A Yuletide masquerade ball, the first of the season in Lacombe, will be held in Boodle's Hall, Norton street, on Monday, Dec. 28. Three prizes will be given—one for original costume, worn by lady; one for original costume, worn by gentleman, and one for the best comic costume.

All dancers in costume must be masked, same to be worn until 12 p.m., when everyone will unmask.

Everyone may come assured of a splendid time as you will enjoy the splendid dance music supplied by the Rex orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Walter Marlor, the town bandmaster, and management of hall under the able direction of Mr. O. Boode.

Refreshments will be served at midnight.

Admission—Doubt tickets, \$1.50; single tickets, 75c.

Dance to commence at 9 p.m. sharp.

Come and have the last time of your life. (D9-2c)

CARETAKER—Caretaker wanted for St. Andrew's Church. Apply, stating salary, to Jesse Fraser, Secretary, Board of Managers. (D9-c)

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CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. E. E. Cole and family wish to thank the many kind friends who assisted them during the illness and since the death of Mr. Cole.

Brooksley News

A very successful concert was held at Brooksley, Dec. 2nd, in aid of the Patriotic and Belgian Relief Funds. W. F. Puffer, M.P., acted as chairman, and in an able address showed the pressing need of assistance, and Mr. Jones (Lacombe) gave a clear resume of the causes leading to the war. After the concert refreshments were served by Mrs. Ritson at her home. The sum of \$70.40 was realized, and after deducting \$3.00 for printing, \$67.40 has been forwarded to Mr. John McDougall, Edmonton, to be applied in equal shares to the Northern Alberta Patriotic Fund and the Belgian Relief Fund.

J. H. McLEAN'S

AUCTION SALE

Of pure-bred, registered, and high grade HOLSTEIN CATTLE

Wed., December 16th

Commencing at 1 o'clock.

Mr. McLean's herd of Holsteins is the best in Alberta, there be a number of extra choice cows and heifers in the bunch, and the High Grades are hard to equal. The animals are all in good condition, and safe in calf. As Mr. McLean is leaving for the east, the sale will be without reserve, and all who contemplate dairying, or who wish to improve their present herd, should attend this sale. Get a catalogue if you are interested.

S. W. Paisley, - Auctioneer

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Bracelets	Belt Pins	Necklets
Brooches	Brooches	Signet Rings
Bracelet Watches in Solid Gold	Gold Filled and Sterling Silver	Watches
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Pendants	Cuff Links	Fountain Pens
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**STICK TO MIXED
FARMING**

Edmonton, Dec. 4.—That a large number of farmers in the provinces are sacrificing their stock, owing to the lure of the high prices for grain, was the statement made yesterday afternoon by W. F. Stevens, livestock commissioner for the province.

"Stay with the game," is Mr. Stevens' advice to the farmers. "The farmer of ordinary skill and care as a feeder," he said, "can feed 40c. oats and 60c. barley to 7c. hogs, and then have more money to the good than if he handled the grain to market."

"Hog prices," he went on to say, "will become sufficiently high to enable the farmers to feed even the high-priced grain, and the man who stays in the game is the man who is going to make money later on. Don't hurry your hogs to market if you have the feed."

The trouble, according to Mr. Stevens, started with the slump in the price of hogs. On October 28 prime hogs were selling in Calgary at \$8.75 the hundred, and in Chicago at \$9.75. On November 6th the price in Calgary dropped to \$6.25, the Chicago quotation at the same time being \$7.75.

One of the causes of the decline was the absence of American buyers from the Calgary market, owing to misunderstandings with the C.P.R. with regard to accommodation and other matters. Then the United States embargo on hogs, which was lifted and made still further restricted prices. It was not until about a week ago that the American buyers re-entered the local market, and prices have since slightly increased, but not yet to a very noticeable extent.

In the meantime the farmers thought they could make more money by selling their hogs and at the same time taking advantage of the high prices for grain. The result has been that they have flooded the market with light and unfinished hogs, to a much greater extent than ever before in the history of the province. Mr. Stevens says it has been estimated by some commission men that owing to the lightness of the hogs now being shipped, it takes 3,000 head to make as much cured meat as 2,000 would have done a year ago.

"The prediction is freely made by commission men doing business in Calgary," says Mr. Stevens, "that there is certain to be a steady advance in the price of hogs from this time forward. Owing to the money stringency this advance will not be as sharp as was the advance of a year ago, but hog prices can reasonably be expected to reach 8c. by the middle of February, and there are those in the business who state that they will reach that figure by the 1st of January. At 8c. per pound any farmer with ordinary skill as a feeder can better afford to feed barley to hogs than sell it for 60c. per bushel."

Mr. Stevens says there will be very few grain-fed cattle this year, but a large number are being fed on hay, which is unusually plentiful and of better quality than usual.

"The one industry in the province that is progressing steadily," continued Mr. Stevens, "is the sheep industry. More farmers in the north are establishing small flocks. The great farmers are beginning to realize the advantages of having a flock of sheep for the purpose of cleaning their summer fallows. The high prices realized for wool during the past two years have also helped to arouse interest in this class of animal."

**AMERICANS PROTEST AT
BRITISH SEIZURES**

Washington, Dec. 4.—Protests from American exporters, notably western beef packers, against American consignments to Europe being held up by British au-

thorities were discussed today at a conference between Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and Counsellor Lansing of the state department, the practice of American exporters consigning goods "to order" was also discussed. In all cases of detention so far the department has lodged a formal protest in writing.

The position of the British government is that it has no objection that Germany is receiving large quantities of supplies consigned through neutral countries. The ambassador pointed out that shippers could be relieved of unnecessary search and detention even when they carried goods consigned "to order" if they would exhibit manifests or produce supplementary statements showing to whom the goods actually were consigned.

The state department is standing on the principle that even semi-contraband goods when carried in neutral bottoms to neutral countries are exempt from interference. The question is in the controversial stage and no agreement has yet been reached upon a generally accepted rule. Meanwhile the British government will try to shorten the period of detention of vessels.

**MANITOBA CONSERVATIVE
LEADER TALKS WITH DRY
EFFECT**

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 4.—When told of Sir Rodmond Roblin's announcement on the temperance question as affected by the war, W. B. Willoughby, Conservative leader in the Saskatchewan legislature, said:

"During the recent special session of the legislature the provincial government was given power to close during the war all places where liquor is sold. It is my opinion that the government should exercise the powers thus given it under this special act and close all bars and wholesale stores at 6 p.m., as well as suspending the sale of liquor in social clubs after that hour. In intended to make an announcement on this subject at the recent annual provincial Conservative convention, but was unable to do so owing to the fact that routine business took up all the available time."

"In my judgment the government might even go further than I have indicated, for it would certainly be justified in doing so. It should be our endeavor to save everything possible during a stringency such as the present. An effort should also be made to safeguard the young men who have enlisted, and who by reason of being away from home, and with leisure time on their hands, are often subjected to severe temptation."

"I might also add that there is considerable reluctance among those who have contributed to the patriotic fund to seeing money they have given passed over the bar for drink."

**ALBERTA BELGIANS CONCERN
TRADE IN CALGARY.**

All able-bodied Belgians in Alberta, capable of bearing arms in helping to wrest their country from the grip of the invader, will be concentrated in Calgary within the next week or two. They will be sent forward to the firing line at the earliest convenience, the Canadian militia department bearing their expense until they are sent forward. The call has already gone out for volunteers from the ages of 18 to 30, and for all reservists up to the age of 45. There are still said to be quite a few Belgians scattered about the plains of Alberta, in the city, and among the coal mines of the Crow's Nest Pass. Whatever volunteers and reservists come forward will be concentrated at Calgary and sent forward in one batch. The call is being issued in every province in the Dominion, and the gallant little Belgian army in the course of time should be materially strengthened by the Canadian Belgians.

**Italian Statesmen
Cheer for Belgium**

London, Dec. 4.—The Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company reports that at the opening of the Italian parliament yesterday, Premier Salandra stated that there was no new factor in the situation in the course of developments at present which would prompt Italy to alter her policy of neutrality.

When Premier Salandra alluded to what he termed the just aspirations of Italy, the whole extreme left arose and applauded. The speaker in the tribune's joined in the demonstration. The Premier's statement was interrupted frequently with applause. It was noticed that former Premier Giolitti joined with the deputies in their expressions of approval. As the session was about to adjourn, Deputy Comandini said that he wished to ask the chamber to send greetings to "heroic and unfortunate Belgium." The whole chamber, including the president, the ministers and the people in the tribunes arose and shouted:

"Hurrah for Belgium."

Premier Salandra said in his statement that the European conflict broke out suddenly without involving Italy directly, and in spite of her efforts to avert war for the sake of peace and civilization. A careful study of her treaty obligations and the causes of the conflict convinced the government that Italy was not called upon to participate, and she accordingly declared her neutrality. In view of the necessity of protecting Italian interests, however, a declaration of neutrality alone was not sufficient to safeguard the country against contingencies which might arise in consequence of such an enormous upheaval.

The political divisions of the continent of Europe, the Premier pointed out, were perhaps about to be modified. Italy, he added, has vital interests to protect, and justly aspires to maintain her position as a great power and to preserve intact her policies. She must, therefore, be watchful, prepared and ready for any eventualities. Thus the assurance that the government was to bring the army and navy to a state of preparedness, since when law ceases to govern, the only safeguard of a nation is in force. Italy had no plans for aggression, but must be ready to protect herself against aggression on the part of others.

The Premier announced that economic conditions had been ameliorated. He asked that the people be ready to make any sacrifice and that conflicting political and economic aspirations be set aside for the time being by all parties, groups, and classes, since at the present time the solidarity of all elements was essential. The government would consider it entirely improper, he said, to consider solely the policies of any one party, and accordingly required the patriotic cooperation of all members of parliament that it might possess the strength necessary to accomplish the hard task before it.

**MAJOR THOS. BEATTIE,
M.P. FOR LONDON, DEAD**

London, Dec. 4.—Major Thos. Beattie, M.P. for London, died at 2.30 Wednesday morning.

Mr. Thos. Beattie, M.P. was born in Ireland in 1844 and was thus 70 years of age.

He was first elected to parliament in 1896, and has been a continuous member since, serving as a Conservative.

Major Beattie won his military title by his services as an officer with the 7th Fusiliers during the Northwest Rebellion of 1885, for which he received a medal. He retired from his military connections in 1895, with the rank of major.

**BELGRADE IS OCCUPIED BY
AUSTRIANS.**

Vienna, Dec. 4.—Austrian troops have occupied Belgrade, Serbia. The occupation of the city was announced in a telegram to Emperor Francis Joseph from General Franz Conrad von Hotzendorf, the fifth army corps. The message follows:

"On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of your reign, permit me to lay at your feet the information that Belgrade has been occupied by the fifth army corps."

The city of Belgrade, which was the capital of Serbia until the seat of government was removed shortly after the outbreak of the war, has been under attack by the Austrians much of the time for the last four months. Early in August troops reached the city but were unable to hold it. The advance of a new Austrian army through Northern Serbia during the last fortnight made the position of the Serbian troops in Belgrade a hazardous one and early today it was reported from Sophia, Bulgaria, that the city had been evacuated.

**GOVERNMENT AID TO FARMERS
IS VERY EXTENSIVE.**

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The Evening Citizen states that the aid which the government is extending to the western farmers who last summer lost their crops is much more extensive than at first reported. In place of \$1,000,000, it is almost \$2,000,000. The exact expenditure proposed up to date on seed grain for the afflicted farmers is \$1,800,000. This will enable them to put in heavy crops over the greatly increased acreage proposed next year.

SPEAKING OF SISTER SUSIE

"Sister Susie's sewing in the kitchen on a Singer. There's miles and miles of flannel on the floor and up the stairs. And father says it's rotten, getting mixed up with the cotton. And sitting on the needles, that she leaves upon the chairs. And should you knock at our street door Ma whispers: 'Come inside. Then when you ask where Susie is, she says with loving pride: 'Sister Susie's sewing shirts for soldiers. Such skillful sewing shirts our shy, young Sister Susie shows. Some soldiers send epistles, say they'd sooner sleep in this-tis Than the saucy, soft short shirts for soldiers, Sister Susie sews.'"

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BLUNDERS OF GERMANS

In the Crimean war it was said that the British soldiers were lions led by asses. The Germans repeated the same criticism of the British in the Boer war. Impartial critics are making the same comment about the Germans on the western frontier.

Probably an army never received such a certificate of courage from an enemy as the Germans have received in the various official reports issued officially by the British government. Among much else of the same thing the latest reports say: "In spite of lack of officers, in spite of inexperienced boys of sixteen and seventeen have faced our guns, have marched steadily up to the muzzles of our rifles, and have met death in droves without flinching." If such extraordinary valor as this had been supported by an equal intelligence on the part of the high commanding officers and of the statesmen of Germany, the fortunes of war might today have been very different to what they are.

A U. S. military expert, writing in the San Francisco Argonaut, says: "And here once more we are faced by the German myth which demands that we prostrate ourselves in adoration before the military genius of Germany and that we praise every military move as being actuated by a sort of superhuman military intelligence. It was only at the first to adopt that pose, but it is now very hard to sustain it. The great military leaders of Germany seem to have made every mistake that it was in any way possible for them to make, and that they have been saved from irretrievable disaster is due only to the magnificent bravery of their men and to the perfection of the machine that was given them to operate. The first supreme mistake that they made was to suppose that they could subdue France at a blow and that the French army was in no condition to resist them. They were apparently unaware of the defenses of Liege and Namur, and that those defenses would not fall at the sound of the trumpet. When General Von Kluck approached Paris he was uninformed that there was a great French army to the west of his position, and that he himself was thereby endangered. Adhering to his intention to ignore the British forces, he allowed himself to pass across their front and was caught in a trap. It was the same sort of military blunder that allowed the German armies in the east to be lured far from their own base over the bogs and ravines by the will of the warden of Warsaw. It is hard to find the military genius in all this. It is hard to find even mediocrity. Indeed, it is hard to find anything but a sort of crass stupidity that is determined to err. The German plan was so delicately poised that the slightest failure anywhere was certain to ruin the whole. And the main spring of that plan was the possibility of conquering France within a week or two and trampling her under foot so completely that whole of the German army could then be released for service against Russia. Was ever so prodigious an issue placed upon the casting of a die?"

INDIAN PRISONERS KILL JAILER AND THEN MAKE ESCAPE

Pembroke, Ont., Nov. 29.—Robert Conford, turnkey of the Renfrew county jail here, was murdered, and William Brown, the jailer, lies at death's door as the result of a successful attempt at jail breaking by two Indians, White Duck and Anthony Pocko, late this afternoon. The redskins were being held pending trial on a charge of theft from Grand Trunk cars at Golden Lake. Both got clear away, and the country-side is being scoured. The turnkey was dealt a smashing blow on the head, fracturing his skull. Death ensued in a few minutes. Jailer Brown rushed to the scene, seizing the first available weapon he could find, an iron bar. Inside the corridor the Indians were waiting, and Brown was soon overpowered and the poker wrested from him. He was beaten into insensibility with this implement, and the prisoners then escaped.

GERMAN ARMY IS CUT INTO THREE PARTS

Petrograd, Nov. 29.—A review of the military operations in the last week by both sides at the rear of Lodz, as given out semi-officially here, indicates that the German army under General Mackensen has been cut in three parts.

The right wing is still struggling fifteen miles west-southwest of Lodz in an attempt to unite with the column sent to its assistance from Weich. The centre is ten miles northeast of north of Lodz, and is still engaged in a

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desperate effort to cut the way west to rejoin the left wing, which is partially cut off from the strongest position on the Vistula. This army, the review asserts, is moving back before Russian onslaught, but is stubbornly disputing the Russian advance.

In this quarter the Russian advance is from Gombin, fifty miles north of Lodz. It is estimated that the centres of the three parts of the German force are at least twenty miles apart and that the middle one is acting entirely on its own initiative, being completely isolated from the others.

It is said that the main bodies of the German army are maintaining a thin line of communication to the rear, extending in semi-circular shape a distance of fifty miles. Russian experts declare this situation is almost unprecedented in the history of warfare.

In the opinion of these experts the operations will not result in the complete surrounding of the Germans, but they declare that a pincer attack against Warsaw has been entirely frustrated.

AUSTRALIA HAS SENT 42,000 MEN TO WAR

Melbourne, Dec. 4.—In the house of representatives today the prime minister, Mr. Hon. Andrew Fisher, made the important announcement that Australia would at once order a new light cruiser to be added to her navy. The matter had been taken up with the British admiralty, to the particular type that was best suited to present requirements, and when this was decided construction would immediately begin.

Australia has provided for a force of 42,000 men at the front. Mr. Fisher announced in his budget speech that the cost of the Australian expeditionary force at the front until June next would be approximately \$9,000,000 pounds sterling. Arrangements for the maintenance of the force had been made upon this basis.

Already the men were on active service in Egypt, said the Premier, and the House loudly cheered the announcement, which was the first official news forthcoming as to the whereabouts of the expeditionary force which left the island continent over two months ago.

Mr. Fisher added that the New Zealand contingent was with the Australian contingent, and the House again cheered. Proceeding he expressed the hope that the sister dominion of New Zealand, while maintaining her integrity unimpaired, would not hesitate to form a closer association with Australia in the future.

Commenting on this statement the Australian press expressed the hope that the Dominion and Commonwealth will unite their defence forces to meet the obligations in the Pacific which the occupancy of the conquered territory in the Pacific will entail on them both.

As to the future destination of the Australian force, Mr. Fisher expected that they were sent to Egypt at Lord Kitchener's suggestion. They would complete their training there, and afterwards would be despatched to France to take their places in the fighting line with the British forces and their comrades from the other dominions.

Some questions were asked Senator Pearce, minister of defence, as to the terms of the capitulation of New Guinea, which several members criticized as unsatisfactory. Senator Pearce admitted that there was some truth in the allegation that the terms were not fully satisfactory, but the matter had been taken up with the war office and he hoped that it would be adjusted. Another matter arising out of the same capitulation would be taken up with the Imperial government, but until those questions were settled he was not in a position to make any statement regarding their nature, neither could he disclose the actual terms of capitulation. Nothing likely to be a danger to the commonwealth existed in them, however, he told the house.

ONTARIO MAY SHORTEN HOURS OF SALE ALSO

Toronto, Dec. 4.—It is generally understood that when the house meets next session liquor license legislation shortening the hours of sale and possibly increasing the license fees will come up for consideration as war measures, but official circles are silent upon the matter. Hon. Mr. Hearst was asked if the Ontario government proposed to bring forward emergency measures touching the license system. He expressed himself in non-committal fashion. Amendments to the Liquor License Act, if any, will be given due consideration by the government at the proper time, he said.

ASKS ONLY SON TO ENLIST

London, Ont., Dec. 4.—A Liverpool woman inquiring in a letter to militia headquarters here as to the whereabouts of her son, from whom she has not heard for some time, concludes with the words:

"If he has not already enlisted, tell him it is his mother's wish that he enlist at once and fight for his country."

PRISONERS ESCAPE

Amsterdam, Nov. 30.—The following news has been received from Petrograd:

"In the region of North Lodz 600 Russians were caught in a village after they had expended all their ammunition and were taken prisoner."

"A captain of the Cossack force who had been watching his chance seized a favorable opportunity when the prisoners were under convoy on their way to the German rear, attacked and killed the guards and brought the Russians safely back to their own lines."

RESOURCEFUL INDIAN

London, Dec. 4.—A story that illustrates the resourcefulness of the Indian troops is being told of two Gurkhas, who were creeping under cover of darkness towards the German trenches to count when a searchlight was suddenly turned on one of them. He was quick-witted enough to realize that no ordinary resource would save him, so he rose to his feet and advanced saluting towards the Germans, who immediately ceased fire. By signs, the Indian explained that he was no longer a friend of the British and would bring more Indians to the German trenches. He was treated sympathetically and at daybreak was allowed to return to his own lines, where he delivered a full report on the German position and received promotion.

KRUPP'S BOMBARDED

London, Dec. 4.—A dispatch to the Telegraph Company quotes a message from Berlin to the effect that the Krupp factory at Essen, Germany, has been bombarded by an aeroplane. It is said that bombs were dropped from the machine on the roof of the building. The alarm escaped unharmed, and the extent of the damage has not been ascertained.

HAVE GERMANS FAILED IN WEST FLANDERS

Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—The Tijd Sluis correspondent reports that the German retreat along the coast from Ostend to the North Sea and is lying off Ostend.

A fierce artillery duel is raging on the Belgian coast between British warships and German land batteries. The detonations of the big guns are plainly audible from the west.

Another British war fleet is reported to have put into the North Sea and is lying off Ostend.

Absolute confirmation of the reports that the Germans are removing large forces of their mobile troops and smaller groups from Flanders and France to Poland has been received. One hundred and forty-eight guns and 60,000 cavalry have passed through Herbesthal en route to Poland.

On the other hand, eighteen large guns have been sent forward to Blankenberghe on the coast north of Bruges, and east of Ostend, indicating that the Kaiser is preparing to resist further attack from the British and French war vessels on the coast.

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12 Head Good Young Horses

1 extra good pair of grey geldings 7 years old, weight 2800, well matched; 1 black gelding, weight 1250; 1 bay hackney gelding 4 years old, weight 1250; 1 br. hackney mare and colt, weight 1200, 4 years old; 1 blk. mare and colt, weight 1300, in foal; 1 sorrel mare and colt, weight 1150 lbs., in foal; 1 stallion 3 years old; 1 br. mare 10 years old, weight 1150.

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3 pure-bred Ayrshire cows safe in calf to pure-bred Ayrshire bull; 3 fresh cows with calves; 2 springers; 8 head all giving milk at present and will calve during winter and early spring; 1 pure-bred Ayrshire bull 4 years old; 6 spring calves.

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2 fine Yorkshire brood sows in pig; 2 Yorkshire boars, 22 shoats, 60 chickens, 3 turkeys, 4 geese, 20 tons upland hay, 400 bushels good oats.

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TERMS—All sums up to \$20.00 cash; over that amount a credit of 6 months will be given on approved joint bankable note bearing 8 per cent. interest. 5 per cent. discount for cash on sums over \$20.

NOTE—For this sale Mr. Lennard has listed all of his personal property, and it will be sold absolutely without reserve. The list undoubtedly includes one of the best lots of live stock and implements that has ever been sold at auction in this district. In fact there is not a poor animal or a piece of junk in this sale, and it will be to your interest to read this list over carefully and make arrangements to attend. If you are not interested in this sale, please hand this bill to someone who might be, or post in a conspicuous place, and oblige. For any further information regarding this sale, please write or phone owner at Lacombe, or the auctioneer at Bentley. Remember this sale starts at 10 o'clock, so come early.

C. F. DAMRON, AUCTIONEER

Paul Lennard, Owner.

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ACADEMY NOTES

The Academy boys have cleared off a skating rink on the large lake nearly one-half mile in circumference.

A. T. Babienec has gone to Minnesota, where he will attend the Maple Plain Academy for the remainder of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clark spent the week-end visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Raudlett.

W. Toll has returned from Saskatchewan, where he has been engaged in carpenter work during the past summer.

Miss Marian Rathje, a former student, was a visitor here on Monday.

Miss Della Miley spent last Saturday and Sunday near Chignik, at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Fife.

Mrs. Williams, of Didsbury, spent Wednesday, December 2, visiting her daughter, Elsie, who is a student at the Academy.

Miss Hazel Bates has been compelled to give up her school work on account of the condition of her eyes. She returned to her home in Didsbury last Wednesday.

Day and Merl Speed, from Saskatchewan, and George Hanson, Clinton Hubbard, and Mr. and Mrs. Olifant Hubbard, from Alberta, are the latest to enroll at the Academy.

An interesting meeting of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society was held on Sabbath afternoon. The subject considered was "The Blind and What is Being Done for Them."

We were told of the great number of these unfortunate people scattered in all parts of the world. We also learned of the books and papers that are printed for them, and of the schools in which they are educated.

W. L. Manful, Union Field Agent for Western Canada, spent a few days last week assisting R. P. Mooney in organizing the Colporter bands in the Academy.

A cottage meeting was held at the home of Mr. F. Butcher last Sunday evening. Mr. William McCready spoke on the prophecy found in Daniel 2, which is an outline of the history of the world.

He showed how the Babylonian, Medo-Persian and Grecian empires have passed away as universal kingdoms, and how Rome in her diversion exists today.

According to the Word, the speaker, showed how the fifth kingdom, which is the kingdom of Christ, is soon to be established.

Beginning with the present school year the cafeteria plan of boarding the students was adopted. For this purpose two counters were installed in our dining room, by which the students pass in the order of the tables. Each individual is given a check showing the amount of his food, which is later taken by a checker, who punches the amount of the student's monthly meal ticket. The plan is considered quite a success, and will likely be permanent.

Pastor J. J. Roth, of St. Louis, Missouri, who has been visiting his brother at Bozeman, spent Tuesday at the home of Pastor Humann. He spoke to the students at chapel on the subject of "Education." He divided education into three kinds: the venerable kind, being polished on the outside; the commercial, or a quick course to avoid work; and the productive, that produces something. The men who can produce something are the ones wanted everywhere.

Arbordale News

Arbordale Union No. 464 of the U.F.A., held their regular meeting at the home of Geo. H. Brown on Monday last. There was a good attendance of members and ladies, and a very successful meeting was held. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—James Kinley.
Vice-President—M. O. Munroe.
Sec. Treas.—E. H. Madden.
Directors—D. Reister, M. Douglas, E. Ogilvie, Geo. H. Brown, I. Dool, D. C. Fawcett.

It was decided to send a delegate from here to the convention in Edmonton, and James Kinley selected to go.

Mr. Lewis gave us a very interesting address on "Poultry Craft," and in the near future we hope to see him on some demonstration work which we hear he is very good at.

After the meeting was adjourned a very dainty supper was served by the ladies, assisted very ably by the Ladies Aid. The members of the U.F.A. heartily appreciate the efforts of the Ladies Aid in helping at this most important function of the evening.

It has been decided to hold the regular U.F.A. meetings in future at the McKee house. Further particulars later.

The Christmas tree will be held in the Fairview church on Dec. 22nd. Everybody is practicing hard and a good time is looked for.

Jack Roberts, who is in our midst again, has enlisted and

goes with the next contingent from Lacombe. We wish you luck, old boy; you're the right stuff.

Rimbey News

The annual box social and entertainment in connection with the Church of the Epiphany (Church of England) will be held on December 16th. Sideshows, refreshments, and a first-class entertainment are promised. Mr. Dameron will act as auctioneer. Prizes will be given for the best boxes.

Service in the Church of Epiphany (English Church) every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Holy Communion first Sunday in month. Evening service at Wintourburg December 13th, 7 o'clock. Potter Creek school Dec. 20th, at 3.30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Weise, who have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Glen Marshall, returned to Carleton Place on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Shircliff are spending a few days with Mrs. J. Marshall and family.

On Monday next, the 14th inst., the Rev. C. H. Huestis, M.A., Field Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, will give a lecture in the Methodist church, to commence at 8 o'clock.

Bentley News

The sleighing that had left us during the warm days has returned with daily light snow, still leaving the main roads good for auto traffic.

Dameron & Thorp are installing a new stock scales at their yards this week.

C. F. Dameron is east of Lacombe this week, where he has several sales billed.

Over twenty loads of grain was hauled through here yesterday, to be loaded for shipment at Lacombe.

A dance will be held in the McPherson Hall on Saturday night next.

Members of the M.W.A. Camp are requested to be at the meeting on Friday night of this week. Special business and election of officers.

E. St. J. O'Neill did not arrive from Calgary Saturday night last, and we hope to see him this week-end. They may have him corralled in the guard room.

J. B. McPherson and wife drove in from the mill on Friday night, returning Sunday. He says that he will have the mill running this week.

A large number from here attended the E. E. Cole funeral at Lacombe on Thursday last. Elmer first homesteaded near Bentley, a pioneer amongst us, and was highly respected by all.

Chas. Smith left for Camrose for a visit of a few days on Monday.

P. E. Thorp, our genial garage man, is making a snow plow to clear the ice on the lake of snow by auto. Percy is very popular and some sport.

The Royal Bank of Canada, sub branch here, has increased its business considerably the past year, and Friday last was reported to be the busiest day that they had here. Other business is fair, and merchants have little to complain of in that way.

Though collections are lower than they should be, H. M. Trimble, of Lacombe, spent several days around this Valley last week, and succeeded in purchasing four or five carload of grain.

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Gull Lake News

H. Hanson and family, Mrs. Cabakla and little son, spent Sunday at the home of W. Hanson.

Mrs. Rider was a caller at Mrs. Court's on Friday.

Poling Bros. have just completed a well for O. B. Moore and are now drilling one for E. Moore.

Mr. Hamilton visited at M. Rowe's one day last week.

The Helping Hand Society will meet with Mrs. E. Moore Wednesday, Dec. 16. Ladies please bring thimbles.

Miss Court spent Sunday with her parents.

M. Rowe and E. C. King are doing some building for O. B. Moore.

The snow has spoiled the skating parties on the lake which the young people of this vicinity have been enjoying. This is a fine recreation and we are sorry the skating season is so short here.

The writer enjoyed a sleigh ride

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Mrs. M. A. King is expecting her son from Washington this week.

Ole Bardenhagen received quite a severe fall while playing a game of hockey.

A. F. & A. M.

Owing to the festival of St. John the Evangelist falling on Sunday, the M.W. Grand Master has granted general dispensation to hold the installation of officers on Monday, the 28th day of December.

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1914, at 1 o'clock sharp. Conducted by Mr. A. K. Tennant, of Gleichen, who has been instructed to join his regiment in the Old Country, I will sell the undermentioned:

270 head of extra good Range cattle comprising 5 carloads Choice Range Cows, 7 carloads 1 and 2 year old Steers and Heifers.

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Wednesday Dec. 16

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The horses comprise 16 head extra good; Gelding 5 and 9 years old, weighing from 1,250 to 1,500 lbs., all well broke and serviceably good; 10 head of first-class Saddle Horses.

The cattle comprise 3 extra good Dairy Cows (just fresh); 1 Purebred Hereford Bull; 20 head of good Range Cows; 20 head of good Suckling Calves; 21 head of exceptionally good Yearling Steers and Heifers.

NOTE—Everything is exactly as above described and has to be sold to the highest bidder, as Mr. Tennant sails on the 20th inst. The above cattle, I think, are one of the best bunches that has ever been exposed for sale by auction in Alberta.

TERMS—Cash for all the cattle; half cash for the horses and wagons, the balance on joint bankable notes for 6 months bearing 8 per cent. interest; 5 per cent. discount for cash.

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PRISONER CLAIMED HE WAS ROBBED

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 7.—A private detective agency in St. Paul has interested the authorities in a declaration by John Quigg, who is in Stony Mountain penitentiary, serving a five-year sentence for embezzlement, by force

ing bills of lading on the Square Deal Grain Company and the Grain Growers' Company, to the effect that the St. Paul police took from him diamonds valued at \$1,500, as well as \$1,000 in cash, when he was arrested there October 26, on information sent by the Winnipeg police.

From the Square Deal Grain Company and the Grain Growers' Grain Company, Quigg received \$24,000 and from a Calgary firm \$3,500. All this money has been recovered and returned, except that to the Calgary firm, which is the portion missing. In all \$25,329 had been recovered, and there still remains almost \$2,500 to be accounted for. Quigg, when questioned by the Winnipeg police, said that fully the amount mentioned was taken from him, and the detective agency in St. Paul said that the Winnipeg police had asked the chief of police of St. Paul to look for the rest of it.

This is the same gentleman who put one over on a local bank here by forged bills of lading.

INDIAN SLAYER DEAD.

Panorboke, Ont., Dec. 6.—Anthony Jocko, one of the Indian slayers of Turkeley Robert Coxford in the lake here a week ago tonight, today paid with his life the penalty of his crime. Jocko was yesterday surrounded by a posse in the home of a half-breed named Chablot, about twenty miles from the Golden Lake Reserve. The Indian left the house in the morning and endeavored to escape. He was called on to

halt, but continued to run. Several shots were fired at him, one of them striking him in the foot. He continued to press on, but a well directed shot struck him in the groin, the bullet passing through his abdomen. He died early today.

Peter Whiteluck, the other Indian concerned in the slaying of the turkey, was captured Tuesday, and is in the jail awaiting preliminary hearing.

GERMANS TAKE LODZ AKTER STRUGGLE.

Lodz, Dec. 7.—After a long battle fought with the greatest stubbornness, the Germans have succeeded in occupying Lodz, which is an important city. According to the Berlin report, the Russians suffered severe losses and are in retreat. This success of the Germans, largely because of what preceded it, is considered by military experts a really remarkable achievement. Less than a fortnight ago, the army to which this victory has fallen was surrounded by Russians and cut its way out only at the last moment, losing great numbers of men and many guns. Yet it was able within a few days to reorganize, take the offensive and defeat the Russians defending Lodz.

This was made possible by the network of strategic railways on the German side of the frontier, over which reinforcements can be sent where they are most needed.

The Russians, on the other hand, were unable to send fresh men to stiffen their centre to the German wedge, and, French,

they were compelled to fall back. There will be undoubtedly much more fighting before the campaign in this district is concluded.

Lodz was won only after hand to hand fighting in the suburbs of the city, and the whole Russian line, from north to south, is now straightened out and will contest every foot of ground with the invaders.

In the meantime, taking advantage of the pre-occupation of the Germans in the east, the allied French, Belgian and British forces have begun an offensive movement in the west. They are now virtually in possession of the left bank of the Yser canal, and in northern France, particularly in the neighborhood of La Bassée, where the Germans hold a very strong position, the allies are beginning with a heavy cannonade to feel their way eastward. The same process is being followed along the whole front.

The French official communication speaks of "the superiority of our offensive" and "marked advantage" of the French artillery over that of the Germans.

The advance, slight as it is in the northwest, has ended for the present at least, in the opinion of many of the German usance of the coast ports. It is declared that so long as the Germans are compelled to keep up the strength of their army in the east they will be unable to assume the offensive in the west. There is a report, however, that the Germans have kept the pick of their western army in the Aisne valley where at an opportune moment they can hurl it against the

men to stiffen their centre to the German wedge, and, French,



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ing bills of lading on the Square Deal Grain Company and the Grain Growers' Company, to the effect that the St. Paul police took from him diamonds valued at \$1,500, as well as \$1,000 in cash, when he was arrested there October 26, on information sent by the Winnipeg police.

From the Square Deal Grain Company and the Grain Growers' Grain Company, Quigg received \$24,000 and from a Calgary firm \$3,500. All this money has been recovered and returned, except that to the Calgary firm, which is the portion missing. In all \$25,329 had been recovered, and there still remains almost \$2,500 to be accounted for. Quigg, when questioned by the Winnipeg police, said that fully the amount mentioned was taken from him, and the detective agency in St. Paul said that the Winnipeg police had asked the chief of police of St. Paul to look for the rest of it.

This is the same gentleman who put one over on a local bank here by forged bills of lading.

INDIAN SLAYER DEAD.

Panorboke, Ont., Dec. 6.—Anthony Jocko, one of the Indian slayers of Turkeley Robert Coxford in the lake here a week ago tonight, today paid with his life the penalty of his crime. Jocko was yesterday surrounded by a posse in the home of a half-breed named Chablot, about twenty miles from the Golden Lake Reserve. The Indian left the house in the morning and endeavored to escape. He was called on to

halt, but continued to run. Several shots were fired at him, one of them striking him in the foot. He continued to press on, but a well directed shot struck him in the groin, the bullet passing through his abdomen. He died early today.

Peter Whiteluck, the other Indian concerned in the slaying of the turkey, was captured Tuesday, and is in the jail awaiting preliminary hearing.

GERMANS TAKE LODZ AKTER STRUGGLE.

Lodz, Dec. 7.—After a long battle fought with the greatest stubbornness, the Germans have succeeded in occupying Lodz, which is an important city. According to the Berlin report, the Russians suffered severe losses and are in retreat. This success of the Germans, largely because of what preceded it, is considered by military experts a really remarkable achievement. Less than a fortnight ago, the army to which this victory has fallen was surrounded by Russians and cut its way out only at the last moment, losing great numbers of men and many guns. Yet it was able within a few days to reorganize, take the offensive and defeat the Russians defending Lodz.

This was made possible by the network of strategic railways on the German side of the frontier, over which reinforcements can be sent where they are most needed.

The Russians, on the other hand, were unable to send fresh men to stiffen their centre to the German wedge, and, French,

they were compelled to fall back. There will be undoubtedly much more fighting before the campaign in this district is concluded.

Lodz was won only after hand to hand fighting in the suburbs of the city, and the whole Russian line, from north to south, is now straightened out and will contest every foot of ground with the invaders.

In the meantime, taking advantage of the pre-occupation of the Germans in the east, the allied French, Belgian and British forces have begun an offensive movement in the west. They are now virtually in possession of the left bank of the Yser canal, and in northern France, particularly in the neighborhood of La Bassée, where the Germans hold a very strong position, the allies are beginning with a heavy cannonade to feel their way eastward. The same process is being followed along the whole front.

The French official communication speaks of "the superiority of our offensive" and "marked advantage" of the French artillery over that of the Germans.

"TIPPERARY" HAS RIVAL.

London, Dec. 7.—"Tipperary," the marching song of the British troops, has a rival on the other side of the trenches in Belgium.

Refugees tell of a new song heard in cafes and other places where German officers and soldiers gather, which in English says "It's a Short, Short March to Calais."

The refugees say the Germans are becoming adept at singing it. The short march to Calais is said to be longer than the long way to Tipperary.

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LONDON TIMES SEVERE IN COMMENT ON CANADIANS

London, Dec. 4.—The special correspondent of The Times, who visited Salisbury, says that it is an unfortunate fact that boots do not seem to have been a strong point in the equipment of the Canadian troops. One hears hard things, he says, of the Canadian contractors who furnished the boots to the field force. It is perhaps as well that the troops did not have to go at once to the front with the footgear in which they came over.

It is the only detail an innocent visitor gathers in which politics, the universal scapegoat, prevented the gathering and dispatching of the force from being altogether ideal, but whatever the shortcomings of equipment or organization may be, they are being rapidly remedied, and the fact that it gives them time to remedy these shortcomings makes the officers at least acquiesce more willingly to the period of enforced waiting.

It must be remembered that very few of the officers are professional soldiers. Most of them cheerfully admit that they are at least as much in need of the training which they are now getting as the men. On the other hand, the whole force is of an extremely high level of individual intelligence, so that the men learn quickly and all ranks are conspicuously keen.

Previous knowledge of soldiering, continues the correspondent, is not in every way an unmitigated blessing. Some of the very best men in the force are men who have already seen service in the British army. Many of them are splendid, but others, however, only make their experiences an excuse for putting on airs and doing as little work as possible. In the first two or three weeks there was at most more than a normal amount of breaking rules and drinking, and to the credit of Canadian discipline it should be said that this was chiefly on the part of those who had been in the Dominion only a few years. They found the temptation of being back home, where British beer was cheap again, too much for them. Drafts of undisciplined men have been promptly returned to Canada, and the force is now well behaved and the soldiers immensely earnest in their work. In this connection too much can hardly be said in praise of the Y.M.C.A. tents.

A GERMAN VINDICATION IN ENGLAND

The English case in the present war is strengthened by the statement of the German case in the Saturday Evening Post by Richard Derrburg, former minister of the colonies. This paper had Arnold Bennett set forth the English case, and Georges Clemenceau, ex-premier of France, the French case. These two gentlemen made an earnest effort to set forth soberly the facts which justified their governments in an appeal to arms, but the German advocate devotes most of his space to an effort to excite American prejudice against England. Germany has kept the peace for 44 years, says Mr. Derrburg. It has maintained an armed truce during that time; earning ruinous expenditures on armaments in all lands, and has rattled the saber frequently. Emperor William, stood "in shining armor" beside Emperor Francis Joseph when, in violation of treaty, Austria-Hungary forcibly annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina. On several occasions Germany has threatened France with war. Germany has kept peace simply in preparation for "the day" when she hoped to be able to crush France and England.

As to the Belgian treaty, he contends that there was no treaty, as it was abrogated by England's action at the time of the Franco-German war in 1870. In binding both countries to observe neutrality of Belgium for the duration of the war and one year thereafter. In any case he lays down the principle that no nation can bind itself by a treaty to its own destruction; that national interest supersedes the international interest, and that treaties executed on the basis of certain circumstances are not binding when those circumstances change. Yet a nation finding the circumstances changed has means in its power of terminating the treaty by fair notice to all parties. This was never done by Germany except invasion, pillage, rape and murder may be so adjudged.

In any case, Mr. Derrburg holds that Belgium was not neutral, she actually built forts along the German frontier and none against France, which may be taken as showing simply that Belgium knew where the danger lay. From there he says Mr. Derrburg, that France intended to invade Belgium, as stated by the German chancellor, French soldiers and French guns were in

Liege and Namur before the thirtieth of July. "Certainly this proof is only in private letters," admits Mr. Derrburg, "but it comes from absolutely unimpeachable people." He admits this proof is not in the "white books," but the "white books" are no more to be believed than are the official war bulletins from Petrograd. Solemn treaties of nations are not binding, official news and white books as well as blue books are all lies. Then what will Mr. Derrburg have in which we may believe? Private letters from unimpeachable people, perhaps, stories that disarmed people in Louvain fired on German troops, that all poor peasants who were murdered by Germans were snipers, that Belgian women and children were enemies' spies. All these things are vouched for by men whom Dr. Derrburg would consider "unimpeachable people."

The fact that Canada has taken part in the war is a willful breach of the Monroe doctrine, thereby exposing the American continent to a counter attack from Europe. This writer very considerably gives his assurance that Germany will not violate the Monroe doctrine either in North America or in South America. Canada can for her part second these assurances so far as North America is concerned, or part of it. Mr. Derrburg states that on the outbreak of the war the German government sent of its own free initiative, a solemn declaration to the department of state that whatever happened Germany would fully respect the Monroe doctrine. Perhaps, the people of the United States may be shrewd enough to discover from Mr. Derrburg's views that these assurances, like treaties, "are not binding when circumstances change."

This man who ventures to put the German case before the American people entirely ignores the diplomatic correspondence leading up to the war, which has been widely published in the United States. Mr. Derrburg wisely leaves this alone, and accuses England of posing "as being on a higher level than any other nation," doing everything for the benefit of the underdog because of altruism and the sacredness of her own word disarming self-respect. Mr. Derrburg confesses he cannot help being suspicious and proceeds to argue that England entered the war for commercial self-interest. The harlot cannot be persuaded that women are virtuous. England's

self-interest would have been served by the preservation of peace as would that of the civilized world, but Germany has determined that "the day" had come to let loose the dogs of war.

Much of this German case is devoted to cheap sneers against England, her fighters are Irish, she gets other peoples to do her fighting. Sir Edward Grey said he expected the Belgians to fight against the British, who got odium for their country, and so he called in the Canadians, who should have much better things to do. She brings over-ambitious Indian princes and poor ignorant Indian men, and together they get the Boer's "at the German possessions." If Irish fighters are not English they are British as much as Bavarians are Germans. When Prussia could not make headway against the British, who got odium for their country, they sent for the Bavarians, who had no better success. The fact that parts of the Empire are willing to fight for England should impress Mr. Derrburg as significant of much. Canadians consider that while they have many other things to do, that none of these is so important as defending the Empire and themselves as part of it against Germany and all she stands for on Belgian battlefields. If she owed allegiance to Germany she well knows the choice would not be hers to make as it is at present.

Mr. Derrburg labors to convince the people of the United States that English navy and German militarism, is the foe to be dreaded. Most Americans remember that when Dewey entered Manila Bay to destroy the Spanish fleet, the German fleet took up a hostile position, and the English fleet quietly left in the opposite the Germans and ready for action. Thus Admiral Dewey was left to settle quickly the score with Spain, un molested. The United States does not regard the British fleet as a possible enemy, and with reason. We may hope that after this war is over the British and American fleets will co-operate even more than in the past in policing the seas for the good of the world.

SECOND FORCE OF 23,000 MEN IS TO SAIL NEXT MONTH

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the further expeditionary forces in Canada. While details have not yet been settled the idea is recording will be carried on not alone at divisional headquarters, but also at the more important places in each division and where any considerable number are raised in our locality, and the necessary accommodation can be secured, they will be trained there. The second contingent, it is expected, will leave for England some time next month, sailing from Halifax. So far upwards of 25,000 men have been enlisted for this force, as soon as they leave a similar number to take their places will be enlisted.

INCOME TAX TO BE IMPOSED IN RUSSIA

London, Dec. 4.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Inter-Telegraph Company, writing under date of Thursday, says:

"A meeting of prominent economists and leading representatives of Russian commerce and industry, today, approved of a temporary imposition of an income tax in order to balance the loss to the government of the revenue formerly derived from the sale of vodka. Count Sergaev de Witte opposes an income tax and favored, instead, a levy on the owners of big estates and an increased existing tax."

'WE WILL SEE IT THROUGH' KING GEORGE IS TOLD BY SOLDIERS IN TREND-ES.

London, Dec. 4.—King George V., of Great Britain, who has been visiting the British lines in Flanders, went out to the firing line yesterday, according to a telephone message received by the Evening News from Calais. North France, Dec. 4.—One of the most thrilling of King George's experiences occurred Tuesday night when, guided by two high staff officers, he visited a number of bivouacs and entered the trenches. He talked with the men by their camp fires, and, although the nature of the visit prevented anything in the way of a demonstration, it was wonderful to see the delight and enthusiasm awakened by the royal visit. What touched all was the King's keen personal interest in their welfare; his eagerness to know how they were fed and what life was like on the firing line, and whether they were receiving everything possible to make, for their comfort, was evident in a hundred questions.

The soldiers looked freely to His Majesty and one thing which was repeated over and over again was that he need have no fear, for they meant to "see this thing through." Indeed, it is understood that one feature of the visit which impressed His Majesty was the general cheerful determination shown everywhere, to make the best of anything, that came along until the Germans are beaten.

Paris, Dec. 4.—A note of unwonted optimism was sounded by Gen. Joffre in his recent address at the inauguration of the French local government at the town of Thann, in Alsace. A correspondent of the Temps reports him as saying:

"For 44 years we have waited. The great moment for the deliverance of Alsace has now arrived. Gradually, we are occupying the Vosges valley, and soon, like ripe fruit, the whole country will fall into our hands. It is only a question of days. Allow me, in the name of your president, to embrace the whole of Alsace henceforth reunited with France." The statement has naturally made a great impression here, in view of Gen. Joffre's notorious taciturnity, his only previous declaration having been the laconic assertion that victory was inevitable after the success of the Marne.

IMPARTING TO CHILDREN THE HISTORY OF THE WAR.

Ottawa is taking a wise step in decreeing that the children of its schools must understand the causes that led up to, and the issues, involved in, the European war. It is doubtful if a history lesson of greater benefit could be taught. Not only will the youngsters have to study a lesson of engrossing interest, but they will also be kept well up with the times and made thoroughly conversant with the details of the greatest crisis that has ever assailed the British Empire. It was a reflection of the first of political philosophers that disturbances in states, though they may arise on trifling occasions, do not involve trifling issues. The present world-wide war started from the case of Serbia, but involved, even from the start, much larger issues. If only a dispute between Serbia and Austria-Hungary had been in question, Britain would have had no concern in the affair. But, since this dispute was bound to have ulterior consequences, it is essential that the mainstays of future generations should understand thoroughly what the dispute was all about. The history of the world has been taught, and the justice of Britain's position made clear, in every school throughout the Dominion.

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PUNISHMENT OF DE WET.

London, Dec. 4.—The question as to what punishment should be inflicted on General De Wet, the rebel leader in South Africa, recently captured, is recognized in England as one of great importance; martial law is in operation in South Africa and the death penalty for treason would be within the possibility. The government proclamation calling upon rebels to lay down their arms offered amnesty except to those who have taken a prominent part in the rebellion. Captains' messages say that the capture of De Wet relieves the government of great anxiety. The Orange Free State at one time threatened to be formidable, because of General De Wet's military prestige, but his capture is believed to have ended it. The happenings at one town gives an illustration of the lengths to which the rebellion have gone. Five hundred farmers were "condemned" to De Wet's army, but a majority of them went over to the rebels and looted the place they had been called upon to defend.

But for the introduction of motor cars into warfare, they would have been able to do his enemies and worry them indefinitely. The Johannesburg Motor Club organized a body under Capt. Bullock, which undertook the pursuit, and General De Wet's horsemen were run to earth by the superior speed of the motors.

GENERAL PIRACY.

The tragedy of Belgium has naturally attracted the world's attention to the exclusion of Luxembourg. Little has been heard of that tiny grand-duchy since German troops plunged into and through it on their road to France. Some writers have pointed out its apparent freedom from harm as an example of what might have befallen Belgium had she accepted German conditions. However, now a native of Luxembourg has been enlightening Parisians, in the press of the French capital, as to what really occurred in the little state.

This gentleman was paying a visit to his native country when war broke out, and about August 10 set out for Paris on foot, arriving the other day after many adventures. As early as July 31, Trois Vierges, the last frontier town on the Luxembourg-Liege line was occupied by the Germans. Protests were lodged by the government of the grand duchy, and by the grand duchess. The German answer was to carry off the grand duchess and imprison her in a house near Nuremberg, and to pour troops through the country. The "army" of Luxembourg consisted of 250 volunteers, the treaty of 1867 conferring neutrality, to which Germany was a party, being supposed (erroneously) to remove the necessity for armed forces. It is now said that the commander of this feeble force with his twelve officers was shot, and his men sent as prisoners to Germany. The villages between Luxembourg and Longwy, and those between Luxembourg and Arlon have been razed to the ground. Factory smokestacks at various places were destroyed so as not to interfere with artillery firing of the invaders.

Now famine has begun to rule. Everything has been commandeered by the Germans. All persons of French sympathies were deported, and those openly protesting summarily executed. A German governor was appointed. German "Kultur" has done to Luxembourg which did not resist what it did to Belgium which fought for its liberty. Luxembourg is an illustration of German lies, and Germany's respect for the bargains she makes. The amount of compensation to be paid to Luxembourg is said to be \$37,500. Presumably Belgium might have received \$50,000 as

the price of her honor. Thus it is evident that German "Kultur" has remarkable ideals.

WHERE GERMANY WAS FOOL-ED.

Germany, however, believed that the body which lay across her path was an inert mass. Certain ideas, says Mr. Choate, in his introduction to Prof. Crumb's book, had grown up in the German mind which had no foundation in fact; that the British empire was ready to fall of its own weight, and of its own age; that England was "destined" to give way and Germany to have her turn; one can imagine how minor professors turned confused and misconceived theories of evolution to their purpose on this subject. "What that the Englishman was degenerated, softened by luxury, and no longer a fighter. But so far from the race of Cromwell and Milton having lost its quality, it now reappears upon the scene with all its ancient courage and virtue." It may be that the war has in some respects destroyed illusions in the United States also, for there, too, there was a tendency among some people to speak of us as effete, effeminate, soft, and unwarlike. It is no longer enjoyed a monopoly of pre-eminence in games and sports.

YOU CAN TRUST THE BRITISH.

To the Editor: I noticed in last week's issue of the Globe a correspondence over the signature of "Citizen," wherein the writer seemed of the opinion that the British, as he termed it, at Valenciennes camp, in which no liquor was sold to the men was preferable to the canteen regulations at Salisbury Plain, which permitted the sale of spirituous liquor. At the first view this appears a very correct position and by no means the first criticism of the Salisbury Plain in this respect. They all deal with the demoralizing effects on the volunteer, and give as an example, the poor fellows who could not resist temptation and fell by the wayside and were dismissed from the service. "Citizen" in his letter made this very clear that the demoralization of these men, which all would deeply regret, was not from the liquor sold in the camp, but obtained from outside associates at other places where liquor was sold, which is pretty universal all over England.

In view of a situation of this nature, it is sometimes thought best, and an argument in favor of liquor being sold in the canteens of the British, and General Alderson said that should share the credit, that it was better for the men, if they would drink, to do their drinking in their own lines and save the camp a lot of confusion which not infrequently requires the policing of a camp to keep the soldiers in the line and the liquor out.

It is not, as some would imagine, the wide-open bar all day long, as in the hotels of the towns, or cities. The sale of drink is usually confined to a few hours, and that at intervals. Its regulation and restriction which is sometimes better than prohibition, is very wide and comprehensive in its character. How clear that should share the credit, that it was better for the men, if they would drink, to do their drinking in their own lines and save the camp a lot of confusion which not infrequently requires the policing of a camp to keep the soldiers in the line and the liquor out.

You can trust the British.
Yours faithfully,
J. J. GREGORY.
GERMANS DRIVEN IN WHIRLWIND OFFENSIVE.

Paris, Dec. 6.—General Sir John French and his British forces made doubly memorable the official visit of King George to the trenches of his fighting forces on Saturday by a brilliant and dashing offensive, in which the Germans were driven back all along the British front from Dixmude to the Lys. North of the Lys the British charged from their trenches at daybreak and fell pell-mell upon the German first line of earthworks, swarming up and into it in the face of a terrific fire. They went down among the Germans with the cold steel and thrust, and beat down the helmed occupants until they had cut them down or dug them out.

When the first ditch was choked with gouging, tearing, slashing and grey fighting, dying dead, the oncoming ranks swept over the top of the trenches and did not stop until the second line of entrenchments had been taken. It was 500 metres from the British front line to the German line of trenches, and the British fought every inch of the way. They fought like demons. The Germans were so stunned by the audacity of the attack and the brilliancy of its execution that there was no effort to retrieve their losses at this point. Unofficial accounts of the charge place the German losses at one-half of those engaged. The British losses were heavy, but did not shake the fighting at the eastern end of the line in the western theatre of war right up to the outer works of Metz. In Belgium the allies have made progress at several points. In the west, the Russian counter-offensive has been successful in assailing the borders of East Prussia, and to penetrate the Carpathians.

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GERMANS VENT ANGER ON YPRES.

London, Dec. 6.—The official eye-witness with the British headquarters on the continent, in a letter dated December 2, says the destruction of the Belgian town of Ypres by the Germans suggests that it was "really the outcome of disappointment and exasperation at its resistance and its refusal to accept a much-advertised plan for its capture."

The writer points out that up to the end of October the Germans had contented themselves with a bombardment of the town, but the British headquarters were believed to be situated, and other places such as the railway station, where destruction would be of military value.

The shelling of the town itself began in earnest on the night of November 5, since which date it was maintained intermittently. That the town escaped so long apparently was due to the fact that until November 5 the Germans had contented themselves with a bombardment of the town, but the British headquarters were believed to be situated, and other places such as the railway station, where destruction would be of military value.

The last attack in force was delivered on November 17. Four days later the German command ordered to pour a stream of shell into the central market place, and whereas the Cloth Hall and the cathedral both had escaped material damage till then, these two historic buildings were blown before the day was lost. In order to accomplish this, it is stated, the Germans brought up a train armed with heavy guns. After the Cloth Hall and the cathedral were destroyed, the eye-witness says, the fire of the Germans no longer was directed on them.

The writer states on good authority that the Germans renounced "Kales," which he said was the object of the German command in driving the allies to leaving German soldiers into the belief that Calais and Paris were in German hands.

GERMAN REPUBLIC IDEAS SUBJECT OF RIDICULE.

Paris, Dec. 7.—Henri Davary, French writer and student of German affairs, is not among the prophets who predict the formation of a republic in Germany following the close of the war. In an article in The Temps, M. Davary says he knows of no class in Germany which would start a rebellion against the existing regime. He regards all the people as loyal to the Kaiser and the spirit of militarism.

"Long before the beginning of the war," says M. Davary, "the

land, is an engineer and a man of soldierly bearing. He was wearing a costume enabling him to withstand extreme cold. Some chocolate was found on him, \$20 in gold and excellent maps on which were marked the exact route he was to follow. As soon as his wound had been bandaged the aviator was taken in an automobile to the Kertoga infirmary, where there were some indignant shouts from the crowd that had gathered to watch his arrival. An officer stepped forward and bade the angry townsfolk desist and the crowd melted away.

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EXTENT OF RELIEF TO THE BELGIANS FROM CANADA.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Telegrams between the heads of the Belgian relief committee for Nova Scotia at Halifax and the committee here in the steamship Doria, issued by the fund, and the Calcutta, placed at the committee's disposal by the British admiralty, show what the Canadian contributions to supplies, in cash are doing to temporarily relieve distress in Belgium.

The first message from the Doria which sailed from Halifax a few days ago for Rotterdam says: "The total contents of the steamship Doria are 12,000 bags and 600 barrels of flour; 11,000 barrels of potatoes; 1,100 cases of navy bread; 1,500 boxes of dried apples; 2,000 cases of canned goods; 5,500 packages of clothing and considerable cheese and fish."

Another from the head of the central committee to the chairman of the Nova Scotia committee, in Halifax dated with the Calcutta, which will commence loading immediately: "We have shipped to you 12,000 bushels of wheat in 102 cars and will ship no more wheat. Besides, we have shipped as per our lists numbers 1 to 5, 47 cars miscellaneous and expect to make the last shipment of ten cars tomorrow. Besides the board of trade, Toronto, has shipped 18 cars of flour and the Quebec committee three cars miscellaneous, and several shippers from outside Montreal shipped about eight cars. Total cars for Calcutta will therefore be about 180. Kindly telegraph if it will be necessary to purchase more wheat in Halifax to complete the cargo of the Calcutta."

Outside the cargoes of the Doria and the Calcutta, there was that of the Tremorval, a ship placed by the British admiralty at the disposal of the Nova Scotia government. The Tremorval carried a large cargo which, besides Nova Scotia's contributions, included supplies and clothing sent to the central committee here from all parts of Canada. The cargoes on the Tremorval, the Doria and the Calcutta, total in value about \$976,800. A fourth steamer with supplies for the Belgians will be sent from Halifax, and the central Belgian relief committee here makes another appeal for money with which to buy wheat to send on the steamer.

EGYPTIAN ARMY IS LOYAL TO BRITISH.

London, Dec. 4.—Declaring that the German forces failed in their attempt to create trouble in Egypt for England, a correspondent of the Chronicle, writing from Cairo, says they have fallen back on the scheme of urging the Turks to attack Egypt from Palestine and Syria. He says: "Travelers who have just come from Palestine tell me the Turks are massing troops in considerable force at Jerusalem and Damascus in Syria, their number being given as between 100,000 and 120,000. The country, it is said, is comparatively quiet and the military authorities seem to have the situation well in hand. 'Already the Turks have taken possession of a number of public institutions founded and maintained by the English and French and other nationalities. The convent of Notre-Dame at Jerusalem, the paragon of the English church there, and a large French school are among the buildings seized. 'But the difficulties of a Turkish invasion of Egypt from Palestine are enormous. The coast route is commanded from the sea. The two desert routes present great difficulties. A force coming by either of these would have a tremendous problem to deal with in the matter of transport. 'Nothing could be more admirable than the attitude of the Egyptian people in the crisis. 'The Egyptian army is absolutely loyal to British rule and nothing has taken place to suggest that there is dissatisfaction of any kind in its ranks. 'The correspondent says that large numbers of German spies have been arrested and sent to Malta."

KARLSRUHE IS REPORTED.

New York, Dec. 4.—A report that the German cruiser Karlsruhe had left South American waters and was cruising near the steamship lane in the North Atlantic on a hunt for ships flying flags of the nations allied against Germany, was brought here by officers of the steamer Zacaia, in today from Jamaica. On Tuesday of last week, while off Portland, Jamaica, the officers said the wireless operator of the Zacaia received a message from the steamship Bannan, of the same line, containing information that the Karlsruhe, bound north, had been sighted.

GERMAN LLOYD LINER GOES ASHORE IN GALE.

Bergen, Norway, Dec. 4.—The North German Lloyd liner Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, which has been lying in this port for some time, drifted ashore in a gale. She is now fast on a sand bank.

The Prinz Wilhelm, a vessel of 9,840 tons, was engaged before the war in the regular service of the North German Lloyd line between Bremen and New York. After the outbreak of the war she was unable to make a German port, and has been at Bergen and the neighboring port of Odde.

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